Justice, and your father s wrath, should he take me in his dominion, could not be so cruel to me, as you., 0 the dearest of creatures, would not even renew me with your eyes[1] *. Take not ice, that I am in Cambria, at Milford-Haven: fflhat your own love will, out of this, advise you, follow. So, he wishes you all happiness, that remains loyal to his vow* [3]3 *and your, increasing in love*[4]*,*

POSTHUMUS.

O, for a horse with wings ! — Hear'st thou., Pisanio ? He is at Milford-Haven : Read, and tell me How far 'tis thither. If one of mean affairs May plod it in a week, why may not I Glide thither in a day ? — Then, true Pisanio,

[a] *Justice,* &c,] Old copy—"Justice^ and your father's wrath, $c. *could not be so cruel to me* as *you,, 0, the dearest of creatures, would even renew me 'with your eyes."* This passage, which is probably erroneous, is nonsense, unless we suppose that the word *as* has the force of *but.* " Your father's wrath could not be so cruel to me, but you could renew me with your eyes."

M. MASON.

I know not what idea this passage presented to the late editors, who have passed it in silence. As it stands in the old copy, it appears to me unintelligible. The word *not* was, I think, omitted at the press, after *would** By its insertion a clear sense is given : Justice and the anger of your father, should I be discovered here, could not be so cruel to me, *but that you,* O thou dearest of creatures, *would be able* to renovate rny spirits by giving me the happiness of seeing you. Mr. Pope obtained the same sense by a less justifiable method^; by substituting* *but* instead of *as;* and the three subsequent editors adopted that reading. MALONE.

Mr. Malone reads—" would 720V and I have followed him.

STEEVENS.

3 *I—that remains* LOYAL TO HIS vow, &c.] This subscription to the second letter of Posthumus, affords ample countenance to to Mr. M. Mason's conjecture concerning the conclusion of a former one. See p. 44, n. 4. STEEVENS.

4 — *and* YOUR, *increasing,* &c.] We should, I think, read thus :—" and *your,* increasing in love, *Leonatus Foslhumus"*—to make it plain, that *your* is to be joined in construction with *Leonatus,* and not with *increasing* ; and that the latter is *a participle present,* and not a *noun.* TYRWHITT,